



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6593

LCO No. 3174

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING COURT REPORTERS AND MONITORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 51-63 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
2 substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Each official court reporter of the Superior Court, and as many
4 assistant reporters as the judges of the Superior Court consider
5 necessary, shall receive a salary. Each other assistant reporter shall
6 receive a per diem rate fixed by the judges, to be paid as court
7 expenses.

8 (b) The salaries of the court reporters and assistant court reporters
9 shall be established as provided in section 51-12 and shall be in two
10 classes. Examinations shall be held to determine level of skills and
11 placement in a class.

12 (c) In addition to other compensation, official and assistant reporters
13 and monitors shall be entitled to charge a party or other individual
14 [one dollar and seventy-five cents] three dollars and fifty cents for each
15 transcript page which is or previously was transcribed from the

16 original record as provided by law, except that (1) the charge to any
17 official of the state, or any of its agencies, boards or commissions or of
18 any municipality of the state, acting in his official capacity, shall be
19 ~~[one dollar]~~ two dollars and fifty cents for each transcript page which
20 is or previously was transcribed from the official record, provided the
21 charge to any such official shall be ~~[fifty cents]~~ one dollar for each page
22 for which a charge of ~~[one dollar]~~ two dollars and fifty cents already
23 has been made, (2) there shall be no charge to the state's attorney,
24 assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney for a
25 transcript provided pursuant to subsection (d) of section 51-61, and (3)
26 there shall be no charge to the court for a transcript provided pursuant
27 to subsection (f) of section 51-61. For purposes of this subsection,
28 "transcript page" means a page consisting of twenty-seven double-
29 spaced lines on paper eight and one-half by eleven inches in size, with
30 sixty spaces available per line. The Chief Court Administrator shall
31 adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement the provisions
32 of this section, including but not limited to, the establishment and
33 administration of a system of fees for production of expedited
34 transcripts.

35 (d) The fee for a transcript of such record, when made for the court
36 or for the state's attorney when acting in his official capacity, and for
37 one copy each to the plaintiff and the defendant, shall, upon the
38 certificate of the presiding judge having so ordered such transcript, be
39 paid as other court expenses and, in all other cases, by the party
40 ordering the same, and such copies shall be furnished within a
41 reasonable time.

42 (e) Official and assistant stenographers in the offices of the workers'
43 compensation commissioners shall be entitled, in addition to the
44 compensation otherwise provided for, to the same fees for preparing
45 transcripts as are provided for reporters in the Superior Court.

46 (f) Official court reporters shall be allowed such clerical assistance in
47 each judicial district as may be determined to be necessary by the

48 judges of the Superior Court at such compensation as may be fixed by
49 the judges.

50 (g) Official court reporters and assistant reporters shall receive, in
51 addition to the compensation allowed by law, necessary traveling
52 expenses to be taxed and paid as other court expenses.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the fee charged by court reporters and monitors from one dollar and seventy-five cents to three dollars and fifty cents for each transcript page to a party or individual; to increase the fee charged from one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars and fifty cents per page to any official of the state or its agencies, boards or commissions or any municipality of the state.

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